

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in this application:

Claims 1 – 6: Cancelled

Claim 7 (Previously Amended)      A balancing disc for balancing the gait of a user, comprising:

a substantially rigid, circular, wedge member having a continuous planar upper surface and a continuous planar lower surface, the upper and lower surfaces being angularly inclined with respect to each other by an angle  $\theta$  of about  $2^\circ$  to about  $6^\circ$  the disc being attachable to a footwear item for imparting proper weight distribution and balance to the user.

Claim 8. (Original)      The balancing disc of claim 7 wherein the disc is formed of a substantially non-compressible solid material selected from the group consisting of leather, rubber or plastic.